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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFIED ALCOHOL SERVERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 30-39 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *January 1, 2011*):

4 (b) (1) Any person desiring a liquor permit or a renewal of such a  
5 permit shall make a sworn application therefor to the Department of  
6 Consumer Protection upon forms to be furnished by the department,  
7 showing the name and address of the applicant and of the applicant's  
8 backer, if any, the location of the club or place of business which is to  
9 be operated under such permit and a financial statement setting forth  
10 all elements and details of any business transactions connected with  
11 the application. Such application shall include a detailed description of  
12 the type of live entertainment that is to be provided. A club or place of  
13 business shall be exempt from providing such detailed description if  
14 the club or place of business (A) was issued a liquor permit prior to  
15 October 1, 1993, and (B) has not altered the type of entertainment  
16 provided. The application shall also indicate any crimes of which the

17 applicant or the applicant's backer may have been convicted.  
18 Applicants shall submit documents sufficient to establish that state and  
19 local building, fire and zoning requirements and local ordinances  
20 concerning hours and days of sale will be met, except that local  
21 building and zoning requirements and local ordinances concerning  
22 hours and days of sale shall not apply to any class of airport permit.  
23 The State Fire Marshal or the marshal's certified designee shall be  
24 responsible for approving compliance with the State Fire Code at  
25 Bradley International Airport. Any person desiring a permit provided  
26 for in section 30-33b shall file a copy of such person's license from the  
27 Division of Special Revenue or the Gaming Policy Board with such  
28 application. The department may, at its discretion, conduct an  
29 investigation to determine whether a permit shall be issued to an  
30 applicant.

31 (2) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable  
32 application fee, which fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in  
33 this chapter for the permit sought. An application fee shall not be  
34 charged for an application to renew a permit. The application fee shall  
35 be in the amount of ten dollars for the filing of each application for a  
36 permit by a charitable organization, including a nonprofit public  
37 television corporation, a nonprofit golf tournament permit, a  
38 temporary permit or a special club permit; and for all other permits in  
39 the amount of one hundred dollars for the filing of an initial  
40 application. Any permit issued shall be valid only for the purposes and  
41 activities described in the application.

42 (3) The applicant, immediately after filing an application, shall give  
43 notice thereof, with the name and residence of the permittee, the type  
44 of permit applied for and the location of the place of business for  
45 which such permit is to be issued and the type of live entertainment to  
46 be provided, all in a form prescribed by the department, by publishing  
47 the same in a newspaper having a circulation in the town in which the  
48 place of business to be operated under such permit is to be located, at  
49 least once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication to be

50 not more than seven days after the filing date of the application and  
51 the last publication not more than fourteen days after the filing date of  
52 the application. The applicant shall affix, and maintain in a legible  
53 condition upon the outer door of the building wherein such place of  
54 business is to be located and clearly visible from the public highway,  
55 the placard provided by the department, not later than the day  
56 following the receipt of the placard by the applicant. If such outer door  
57 of such premises is so far from the public highway that such placard is  
58 not clearly visible as provided, the department shall direct a suitable  
59 method to notify the public of such application. When an application is  
60 filed for any type of permit for a building that has not been  
61 constructed, such applicant shall erect and maintain in a legible  
62 condition a sign not less than six feet by four feet upon the site where  
63 such place of business is to be located, instead of such placard upon  
64 the outer door of the building. The sign shall set forth the type of  
65 permit applied for and the name of the proposed permittee, shall be  
66 clearly visible from the public highway and shall be so erected not  
67 later than the day following the receipt of the placard. Such applicant  
68 shall make a return to the department, under oath, of compliance with  
69 the foregoing requirements, in such form as the department may  
70 determine, but the department may require any additional proof of  
71 such compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of such compliance, the  
72 department may hold a hearing as to the suitability of the proposed  
73 location. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to  
74 applications for airline permits, charitable organization permits,  
75 temporary permits, special club permits, concession permits, military  
76 permits, railroad permits, boat permits, warehouse permits, brokers'  
77 permits, out-of-state shippers' permits for alcoholic liquor and out-of-  
78 state shippers' permits for beer, coliseum permits, coliseum concession  
79 permits, special sporting facility restaurant permits, special sporting  
80 facility employee recreational permits, special sporting facility guest  
81 permits, special sporting facility concession permits, special sporting  
82 facility bar permits, nonprofit golf tournament permits, nonprofit  
83 public television permits and renewals. The provisions of this

84 subdivision regarding publication and placard display shall also be  
85 required of any applicant who seeks to amend the type of  
86 entertainment upon filing of a renewal application.

87 (4) In any case in which a permit has been issued to a partnership, if  
88 one or more of the partners dies or retires, the remaining partner or  
89 partners need not file a new application for the unexpired portion of  
90 the current permit, and no additional fee for such unexpired portion  
91 shall be required. Notice of any such change shall be given to the  
92 department and the permit shall be endorsed to show correct  
93 ownership. When any partnership changes by reason of the addition of  
94 one or more persons, a new application with new fees shall be  
95 required.

96 (5) On and after January 1, 2011, the department shall not issue or  
97 renew a liquor permit or a renewal of such a permit for a restaurant,  
98 café or tavern unless the applicant provides the department with  
99 written proof that at least one employee who is a bartender on the  
100 premises is a qualified alcohol server. For purposes of this subdivision,  
101 "qualified alcohol server" means a person who has completed an  
102 alcohol server certification program approved by the commissioner.  
103 The department shall publish a list of such programs. On and after  
104 January 1, 2013, the department shall not issue or renew a liquor  
105 permit or a renewal of such a permit for a restaurant, café or tavern  
106 unless the applicant provides the department with written proof that  
107 all employees who are bartenders on the premises are qualified alcohol  
108 servers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | January 1, 2011 | 30-39(b) |
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect the public by requiring bartenders to complete alcohol server training programs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*